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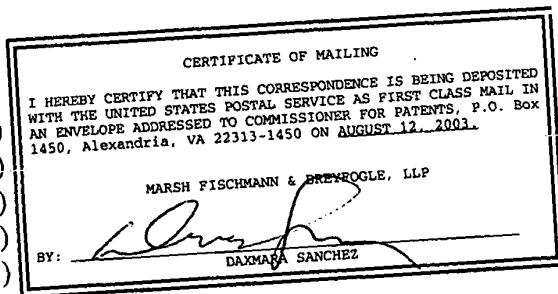
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For: "SENSOR HEAD APPARATUS" ✓

) Group Art Unit: 2856

) Examiner: Garber, Charles D.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT



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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated July 15, 2003, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regards to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-11 (Group I), Claims 18, 19, 24-34 (Group II) and Claims 35-43 (Group III) are separate inventions. The Examiner has further indicated that Claims 12-14 and 20-23 are considered linking claims to Groups I and II and will be examined with election of either group. Also, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 15 and 16 are considered linking claims with Groups I and III and will be examined with the election of either of these groups. It should be noted that Claim 17, which depends from Claim 16, was not mentioned in the action but the Applicant believes it should also be considered a linking claim linking Groups I and III.

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The Applicants hereby elects to prosecute Claim 1-17 (Group I) in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserves the right to pursue Claims 18-43 in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due for filing this Restriction Requirement, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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